RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 301406

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE

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WHEREAS, MAMA'S KITCHEN was founded in 1990 when volunteers from the AIDS Assistance Fund, who ran a small grocery store for low-income people with AIDS, discovered that clients were dying from malnutrition long before their immune systems were overcome by AIDS-related infections and realized that a reliable home meal delivery service was needed for patients too ill, isolated, or emotionally devastated to help themselves; and

WHEREAS, today, MAMA'S KITCHEN prepares and delivers three meals a day, every day of the year, to men, women, and children affected by HIV/AIDS and is the only meal delivery service for people with HIV/AIDS serving all of San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, many people with AIDS suffer from HIV Wasting Syndrome, a severe form of weight loss, and due to extreme poverty, toxic medications, and chronic nausea, eating well-balanced meals becomes difficult, and, for most of the clients, MAMA'S KITCHEN is their only source for hot meals; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, with just 11 paid staff members and thanks to the support of more than 800 volunteers, MAMA'S KITCHEN delivered more than 320,000 meals and in its more than 15 years in existence has served more than 3 million meals; and

WHEREAS, in response to the changing face of HIV/AIDS, MAMA'S KITCHEN opened Mama's Pantry in February 2004, a centralized pantry that offers a range of services for low-income clients with AIDS who are sufficiently healthy to pick up a monthly bag of food staples and who occasionally can participate in nutrition education and food preparation classes; and

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WHEREAS, on February 23, 2006, MAMA'S KITCHEN's board of directors voted to

expand the organization's mission to serve people with other disabilities, while reaffirming their

continued and unwavering commitment to the nutritional needs of people with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the decision to expand the mission of MAMA'S KITCHEN was the result

of 18 months of exploration that included research, focus groups, surveys, one-on-one

interviews, more research, and the implementation of a six-month pilot program; and

WHEREAS, with this expansion in service, MAMA'S KITCHEN now makes its home-

delivered hot-meal program available to people under the age of 60 throughout San Diego

County who are mentally and/or physically unable to prepare their own meals, and it has been

able to accomplish this without any significant changes to its level of services to existing clients;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and

on behalf of the people of San Diego, commends the board, staff, donors, and volunteers of

MAMA'S KITCHEN for their decision and commitment to expand their mission to provide

home-delivered hot meals to people under the age of 60 throughout San Diego County who are

mentally and/or physically unable to prepare their own meals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 20, 2006 be and is hereby proclaimed to be

"MAMA'S HEART GETS BIGGER DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

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Sharon B. Spivak

Deputy City Attorney

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Approved: 5-10-66 (date)	JERRY SANDERS, Mayor
Vetoed:(date)	JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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